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RUTHENIUM AND ITS OXIDES AS A CU DIFFUSION BARRIER**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 17, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring February 20, 2006, with February 17, 2007 being a Saturday, February 18, 2007 being a Sunday, and February 19, 2007 being President's Day, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: